GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
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Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Article 46 of the Constitution directs the State to promote the weaker section of the people, and in particular of the SCs and STs` so as to protect them from social injustice and exploitation;

(b) if so, the steps taken in the interest of SCs and STs in non-conventional energy sector with a view to generate employment opportunities for these under privileged sections; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not implementing this directive of the Constitution?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (INDEPENDENT CHARGE), (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources is providing support under various non-conventional energy programmes/projects through State Government Departments, State Nodal Agencies etc. throughout the country, which in turn generate employment opportunities for people including those belonging to the under privileged sections of the society. In addition, the Ministry is also providing higher levels of subsidy for special categories of beneficiaries e.g. Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and weaker sections of the society under its biogas and biomass gasifier programmes.